

## International District/Chinatown Branch

Story time is particularly popular at this branch and is offered in Mandarin Chinese. Although the branch is less than 4,000 square feet, it's always busy and Mandarin Chinese speakers from across Seattle seek out its bilingual staff and important specialized collections such as Chinese language periodicals.

**Needs:** The levy will add Sunday hours and on-site reference staff, making the branch's unique collections more accessible to more people. Computers and printers essential to support students, job seekers and others will be upgraded and the collection of books and materials and online services improved. Funding for regular building maintenance also is included.

### What this means for patrons:

- Open 1-5 p.m. Sunday
- Restore basic on-site reference staff
- Add books, electronic books, movies and music and reduce wait times, especially for popular titles
- Expand children's collection of books systemwide to support early literacy and early learning
- Eliminate one-week systemwide closure
- Upgrade technology services, including computers, software, printers, copiers, online services and infrastructure
- Increase maintenance, including specialized cleaning and furniture care, periodic restroom upgrades, major maintenance

### Programs:

Story time in Mandarin Chinese

### Currently open:

Five days a week

### Special features:

The International District/Chinatown Branch has books, movies and music in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese and English. Bilingual staff members are available to help patrons. The branch has a large collection of magazine subscriptions in Chinese. Two study rooms are available for individuals and groups to use. The branch is located in the International District Village Square II, an affordable housing complex.

In 2011, over 500 people participated in Mandarin Chinese Story Time.



### At a Glance 2011

- 74,130 patron visits
- 96,566 materials
- 789 story time participants
- 57 homework help students
- 12 public computers

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